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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FUTURE REORGANIZATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESS

1. FEB 5 AKHBAR STATES THAT DECREE HAS BEEN ISSUED FORMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAHRIR PUBLISHING HOUSE, HEADED BY MUSTAPHA BAHGAT BEDAWI. AHRAH ALSO CONTAINS BRIEF ITEM TO EFFECT THAT SADAT IN CAPACITY AS HEAD OF ASU HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT A COMPTROLLER FOR THE EGYPTIAN PRESS.

2. COMMENT: HEYKAL'S DEPARTURE FROM AHRAH AND ALI AMIN'S APPOINTMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE FOLLOWED BY FURTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE PRESS ESTABLISHMENT, AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT FORMATION OF TAHRIR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESAGES THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESS COMPTROLLER HOWEVER, SIGNALS CLOSER SCRUTINY OF FINANCIAL MATTERS IN THE NEWSPAPER FIELD AS AN OBLIQUE MEANS OF KEEPING THE PRESS IN LINE. A MOVE TO CLEAR THE PRESS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING MAY BE IN PROCESS. HEYKAL, ACCORDING TO MANY EGYPTIANS, MAY BE AMONG THOSE VULNERABLE ON THIS SCORE.
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